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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON			
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10	DONALD L. HADLEY,			
11	Petitioner,	CASE NO. 12-cv-06036 BHS		
12	v.	REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION		
13	PAT GLEBE,	NOTING DATE: August 23, 2013		
14	Respondent.			
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16	The District Court has referred this 28 U.S.C. § 2254 petition for a writ of habeas corpus			
17	to United States Magistrate Judge J. Richard Creatura. The District Court's authority for the			
18	referral is 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and (B), and local Magistrate Judge Rules MJR3 and MJR4.			
19	Petitioner seeks relief from a state sentence.			
20	The Court recommends denying this petition; some of the grounds for relief are			
21	procedurally barred, the remaining grounds simply do not warrant habeas corpus relief because			
22	petitioner fails to show a violation of clearly established federal law as required by 28 U.S.C.			
23	2254(d).			
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1 BASIS FOR CUSTODY 2 A Cowlitz County jury found petitioner guilty of first degree assault/domestic violence (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 1). The trial judge sent the jury special interrogatories after the finding of 3 guilt and the jury found aggravating factors that supported imposing an exceptional sentence (id.). The trial judge imposed an exceptional sentence of one hundred and ninety-two months 5 (id.). Petitioner is now in custody serving that sentence. 6 7 **FACTS** The Washington State Court of Appeals summarized the facts surrounding the crime and 8 9 conviction: 10 Hadley lived with his girlfriend, Brenda Frisk, for approximately two years in Longview, Washington, before Frisk decided to end the relationship and move to Portland, Oregon, without him. On August 20, 2006, Hadley and Frisk went to a 11 local bar for drinks. Hadley took a "sawed-off bat" with him in his coat sleeve, allegedly for protection. 2 RP at 140. At the bar, Frisk and Hadley consumed 12 about five drinks each. After a few hours at the bar, Hadley got angry about Frisk playing pool and talking with other men. 13 14 Hadley and Frisk then left the bar around the same time, but Frisk chose not to go home with Hadley, instead she chose to walk to the nearby home of Art 15 Anderson, her ex-boyfriend, to sleep on his couch. Due to her intoxicated state, Frisk did not remember anything that happened at Anderson's house. Anderson testified that Frisk arrived at his house clearly intoxicated and distraught from 16 arguing or fighting with Hadley. She first went to the wrong house before identifying Anderson's actual residence. Anderson stated that, although she was 17 staggering, she did not have any trouble speaking. Frisk nagged and argued with Anderson, who told her that he did not want any part of it and then called the 18 police to have them drive her home. 19 Frisk remembers getting out of a car outside her house and then walking inside where it was dark because Frisk and Hadley had not paid the electric bill. She 20 then heard Hadley's voice behind her, which she described as loud and angry, much like a yell. She testified that she was scared when she heard him, based on 21 how he treated her in the past. Frisk does not remember what happened next. 22 Frisk woke in her bed the next afternoon and tried to leave the bed to use the bathroom. She was dizzy and disoriented and her head hurt. She testified that her 23 equilibrium was not right and that she did not have any balance. She noticed that 24

her hair was "frizzy and matted up and had a lot of dried stuff on it." 2 RP at 150. She fell to the floor three times while attempting to leave her bed. Hadley was present when she made these attempts, but he did not want her to get up and told her to stay put. He told her that she just needed to lie down for a while. When she insisted that she needed to use the bathroom, he brought a pan so that she could relieve herself while still in bed.

Frisk waited until Hadley left the room to use the bathroom himself, then she crawled and used the walls for balance to get to the living room to call a friend for help. She called Marlene Hadley, Hadley's former sister-in-law, and left a message asking her for help. Marlene's boyfriend, John, called her back after hearing the message and told her he would take her to the hospital.

Hadley became angry when he discovered that Frisk was on the phone, and when Frisk told him that John was coming to take her to the hospital, he said that she could not go to the hospital looking like that. He then washed her hair in the kitchen sink using cold water, which hurt her a great deal. She testified that he then took a hairbrush and combed her hair to eliminate the tangles from the matted portion. Some of her hair came out in the process, which he threw in the trash can.

Frisk testified that the back of her head hurt badly, along with her knee and elbow, but that her eye hurt the worst. When she asked what was wrong with her, Hadley would not tell her anything other than that she needed to stay in bed. Shortly before John arrived, Hadley told Frisk that she had fallen and hit her head on the refrigerator.

At St. John Medical Center, the emergency room doctor noted that she had multiple facial and head injuries, including swelling to her left eye and a three-and-one-half centimeter laceration on the back of her head. Scans revealed that Frisk had a right subdural hematoma, [footnote omitted] a smaller left frontal subdural hematoma, and swelling around the laceration on the back of her head. Frisk had also suffered a concussion. In addition, she had a medial orbit fracture, which the doctor described as a fracture to the small bones in her left eye socket.

Because St. John's did not have a neurosurgeon on staff, the doctor transferred her to the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland. The OHSU doctors diagnosed Frisk with traumatic brain injury, meaning that the injury was the result of a fair amount of force.

Several doctors testified at trial about Frisk's injuries. Emergency room doctor, Dr. Theodore Leslie testified that Frisk's eye injury was the result of a directed force. He stated that although a simple fall could possibly create this kind of force, it was unlikely because the injury was only to her eye and not to the rest of her face. At OHSU, Dr. William Wilson determined that Frisk's injuries were traumatic brain injuries. He testified that although many types of injuries occur

1 from falls, the combination of Frisk's injuries made a fall unlikely. Dr. Brett Ueeck, a maxillofacial surgeon, testified that eye injuries like Frisk's are most often associated with personal violence or sporting injuries. He noted that ground-2 level falls are usually associated with injuries to the nose, forehead, or chin, none of which occurred in Frisk's case. 3 4 Frisk's mother, Wilda Parkhurst, also testified that she tried to call Frisk around two or three o'clock on the afternoon that she was stuck in bed, but when Hadley answered, he told her that Frisk was sleeping and would have to call her back. He 5 did not tell her about Frisk's injuries. Later that evening, presumably after John picked Frisk up to take her to the hospital, Hadley called Parkhurst and told her 6 that Frisk was in the hospital because she fell and hit her head. 7 While Frisk was at OHSU, Parkhurst, along with Frisk's brother and sister-in-law, went to Frisk's house to gather her things so that she could move out. [footnote 8 omitted] Parkhurst called the Longview police when she found blood in several rooms of the house. 9 10 Detective Reece took pictures of bloodstains on the carpet in the kitchen, the stove, and the doorjamb of the bedroom door off the kitchen at Frisk's house. He photographed bloody bedding in the bedroom, and found a bloody washcloth in 11 the bathroom and bloody hair in the kitchen trash can. He also found a pair of broken sunglasses tangled up in the bloody hair. Additionally, he located a back 12 scratcher missing a middle wheel with "red on it" in the bedroom. 3 RP at 390. 13 Frisk testified that they did not normally keep the back scratcher in the bedroom and that it had not been broken the night before, nor was there any blood on it the 14 night before. She testified that there was not any blood in the house the night before. In addition, she testified that she had been wearing her sunglasses the 15 night before and that she had not thrown them away or broken them. 16 Marlene visited Frisk in the hospital and spoke to her about what happened. Frisk appeared nervous, scared, and confused. The next day, Marlene spoke to Hadley, 17 who told her that he found Frisk injured but that he did not do it. He told her that he investigated several other bars that Frisk had been to the previous night and 18 that he heard that somebody followed her home from the bar because she had upset the person at the bar. 19 20 Following her release from the hospital, Frisk continued to have difficulty concentrating, walking, and talking. Parkhurst took Frisk to a support shelter for women because she thought it would be the safest place for her. The women at the 21 shelter helped attend to Frisk's injuries and helped her with toileting, moving around, and personal hygiene. 22 23 Frisk's next-door neighbor, Dana Ferguson, testified that, on the night of the incident, she came home around one-thirty or two o'clock in the morning and

1 heard Frisk and Hadley fighting. She described Hadley's voice as eerie. She heard Frisk say, "I've had enough," to which Hadley replied, "I'll tell you when you've had enough." 3 RP at 325. She next heard Frisk moan and then heard a thud. 2 3 Detective Tim Deisher interviewed Frisk twice about what happened to her. On August 24, 2006, Frisk did not recall how she received the injuries, but she 4 relayed to the detective that Hadley told her that she fell outside, although she was not sure if that was true. She told Detective Deisher she thought she left the bar 5 with Hadley but she did not remember the walk home. On August 30, 2006, Frisk told the detective Hadley struck her with a souvenir bat in the front yard. 6 The State charged Hadley on June 29, 2006, with one count of first degree 7 assault-domestic violence, or in the alternative, one count of second degree assault-domestic violence. On December 18, 2006, the State filed a separate notice of intent to seek an exceptional sentence, alleging deliberate cruelty and an 8 on-going pattern of domestic violence. The State did not amend its charging information to include its intention to seek an exceptional sentence. 9 Before trial, the trial court held a hearing to determine the admissibility of 10 Hadley's previous convictions and prior bad acts of domestic violence against Frisk. The State called Frisk, Marlene, Anderson, and Ferguson to testify to the 11 prior acts and provided the trial court with a list of potential evidence. The trial court ruled that some of the instances were admissible to show motive or lack of 12 accident, but not to show common scheme or plan. The trial court also admitted those acts as relating to Frisk's state of mind and her credibility while she 13 testified. The trial court determined that the State proved the acts of misconduct by a preponderance of the evidence, that the acts were relevant to prove an 14 element of the crime, and that the probative value outweighed any prejudice. 15 At the hearing, Frisk testified to the following instances of abuse: In 2002, Hadley kicked in the bathroom door, breaking the doorframe, entered the room, and 16 punched Frisk in the face a few times. Frisk suffered bruising and swelling. Police were notified and Hadley was convicted of assault. 17 In 2003, Hadley kicked and stomped Frisk with his cowboy boots, breaking her 18 denture plate in half. Frisk suffered at least 68 visible bruises on her body and was unable to leave bed for five days. Although Frisk did not tell anyone at the time 19 that Hadley caused these injuries, Marlene witnessed the bruising. 20 Next, in September 2003, Hadley shoved Frisk down the stairs where she fell and cut her arm on a plate. Police arrested Hadley and he was convicted of assault. 21 In 2004, Hadley punched Frisk in the mouth, breaking her denture plate again. 22 She jumped out of her bedroom window to escape. She did not report the incident because Hadley begged and pleaded with her and she hoped that he would get 23

help for his problems. Anderson testified that Frisk showed up at his house later that evening barefoot.

Also in 2004, Hadley threw a full beer can at Frisk, striking her and splitting her forehead open. She did not go to the hospital because Hadley did not want anyone to know what had happened. She used butterfly bandages to seal her injury as best she could.

Frisk would sometimes carry weapons or put weapons around the house to protect herself. She would sometimes put knives in the bedroom doorjamb to prevent Hadley from getting inside. During the last few years, Hadley threatened to kill Frisk several times.

The State introduced citations supporting several of these allegations and the judgments and sentences showing Hadley's convictions for assaulting Frisk on September 13, 2003, and for assault and malicious mischief on July 15, 2002. The trial court also allowed Hadley to solicit evidence that Frisk had earlier run him down with her car while she was intoxicated. The trial court granted Hadley a continuing objection to the admission of all prior bad acts evidence.

Based on the trial court's ruling, the parties drafted an instruction to the jury, which the trial court gave before the State began its case in chief. Neither party objected to the instruction. The instruction provided:

If you determine, based on the evidence, that prior assaults occurred, that evidence of prior assaults by the Defendant on the victim may only be considered by you to understand the victim's state of mind at the time of any statements she made before testifying or while testifying and during the assault, if you determine an assault occurred. It might also be considered as proof of motive by the Defendant. The evidence of prior assaults by Ms. Brenda Frisk on the Defendant may only be considered by you as to bias on behalf of Ms. Frisk against the Defendant.

# 2 RP at 124-25.

Following arguments, the trial court instructed the jury on the charges but not on the aggravating factors. The jury found Hadley guilty of first degree assault and answered affirmatively through a special verdict form that Hadley and Frisk were family or household members at the time of the offense. The trial court then instructed the jury on the aggravating factors and both parties provided argument. The jury returned special verdict forms, finding that the State proved each of its alleged aggravating factors beyond a reasonable doubt. The trial court sentenced Hadley to an exceptional sentence of 192 months over Hadley's objection that he lacked notice of the aggravating factors because the State did not include them in the information.

1 | (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, pp. 1-9). 2 PROCEDURAL HISTORY 3 Petitioner filed a direct appeal that raised six grounds for relief: 4 1. The trial court denied the defendant a fair trial under Washington Constitution, Article 1, § 3 and United States Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment when it admitted evidence of similar convictions and similar 5 uncharged offenses against the same complaining witness. 6 The trial court violated Washington Constitution Article 4, § 16, when it 2. 7 instructed the jury that the complaining witness was a victim of the defendant's assaults. 8 3. The trial court violated the defendant's right to due process under Washington Constitution, Article 1, § 3 and United States Constitution, 9 Article 1, § 3 and United States Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment when it entered judgment of conviction for first degree assault because 10 substantial evidence does not support this charge. 11 4. Trial counsel's failure to object when the state introduced irrelevant, unfairly prejudicial evidence denied the defendant his right to effective 12 assistance of counsel under Washington Constitution Article 1, § 22 and United States Constitution, Sixth Amendment. 13 5. 14 The cumulative errors in this case violated the defendant's right to a fair trial under Washington Constitution, Article 1, § 3 and United States Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment. 15 16 6. The trial court's imposition of an exceptional sentence based upon aggravated factors not alleged in the information violated the defendant's right to notice under Washington Constitution, Article 1, § 22 and under 17 United States Constitution, Sixth Amendment. 18 (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 3). The Washington State Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction and 19 sentence (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2). Petitioner raised four grounds for relief in a motion for 20 discretionary review that he filed with the Washington State Supreme Court: 21 1. ISSUE ONE: Trial court denied petitioner a fair trial when the court 22 instructed the jury that petitioner was guilty before trial began. 2. ISSUE TWO: Prosecution withheld exculpatory and impeaching evidence 23 from defense.

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2	3. ISSUE THREE: Trial court denied petitioner a fair trial when it admitted evidence of prior, similar convictions and allegations.		
3	4. ISSUE FOUR: Defense counsel's failure to object when state introduced irrelevant, unfairly prejudicial evidence, and counsel's failure to impeach false		
4	declarations denied petitioner effective assistance of counsel.		
5	(ECF No. 26, Exhibit 8, pp. 1-2). On February 4, 2009, the Washington State Supreme Court		
6	denied review without comment (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 10).		
7	In February of 2010, petitioner filed a motion for post conviction relief from judgment in		
8	Superior Court (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 18). The Superior Court transferred the motion to the		
9	Washington State Court of Appeals for consideration as a personal restraint petition (ECF No.		
10	26, Exhibit 20). The Washington State Court of Appeals dismissed the petition as untimely and		
11	did not address the merits (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 22).		
12	Petitioner filed a motion for re-consideration that the Washington Court of Appeals		
13	transferred to the Washington State Supreme Court for handling as a motion for discretionary		
14	review (ECF No. 26, Exhibits 23 and 24). The Washington State Supreme Court Commissioner		
15	found that the petition was timely and called for a response (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 25). Petitioner		
16	presented six grounds for review in this motion for discretionary review:		
17	<ol> <li>Unlawful Warrantless Search and Seizure.</li> <li>The person consenting to the search of Mr. Hadley's home lacked</li> </ol>		
18	authority to do so under <i>State v. Eisfeldt</i> , 163 Wn.2d 628 (2008) and Washington State Constitution, Article 1, Section 7.		
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20	2. Ineffective Assistance of Trial Counsel (new issues).  Counsel allowed evidence to be introduced obtained through an unlawful		
21	warrantless search and seizure and failed peremptory challenge of juror who is a jail guard where the defendant was being held during trial.		
22	3. The State violated Petitioner Hadley's Right of Due Process. U.S. Constitution's 5, 6, and 14, Washington State Constitution's Article		
23	1, Sections 9 and 22.		
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1 2		The state did not meet the required element of "permanent disfigurement" to allowed [sic] a charge or conviction of first degree assault. (US Const. 5, 6 and 14, Wa. st const art. 1, sec. 9 and 22.)	
3	4.	Conflict of Interest with Appellate Counsel John Hay (newly discovered	
4		evidence).  Counsel was representing a state's witness against the petitioner while representing petitioner on appeal.	
<ul><li>5</li><li>6</li></ul>	5.	Trial Court erred by not removing a potential Juror for Cause. (Potential Juror is a Jail Guard where the defendant was housed.)	
7	6.	Trial Court Gave the Jury An Improper Special verdict instruction. Analogous to <i>State v. Bashaw</i> , 234 P.3d 195, 169 Wash.2d 133 (Wa. 07/01/2010)	
9	(ECF No. 26, Exhibit 23, at 2-4). The Washington State Supreme Court Commissioner denied		
10	petitioner's motion for discretionary review (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 28).		
11	Petitioner briefed eight grounds for relief in his memorandum in support of his federal		
12	habeas corpus petition:		
13	1.	Does the trial court deny a Defendant a fair trial under, United States Constitution, Sixth Amendment, and deny a defendant's right of due	
14		process under United States Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment and Washington State Constitution, Article 4 § 16 when it failed to properly	
15		instruct the jury with a correct limiting instruction granted the Defendant in Limine.	
16	2.	In a case where a defendant is charged with assault, does the trial court	
17		violate a Defendant[']s right to a fair trial under United States Constitution, Fourteenth Amendment and Washington State Constitution,	
18		Article 1, § 3, if it admits evidence of similar convictions and alleged uncharged offenses.	
19	3.	Does the State violate a defendant's United States Constitution,	
20		Fourteenth Amendment and Washington State's Constitution, Article 1, § 3, Right of Due Process and <i>Brady v. Maryland</i> , 373 U.S. 83 (1963),	
21		when it withholds exculpatory and impeachment evidence from the defendant.	
22	4.	Was the Defendant denied a fair trial in violation of Washington State's	
23   24		Constitutions, Article 1, § 7, when the State used evidence obtained by a warrantless, invalid consent, search and seizure.	

1 5. Was the Defendant denied a fair trial and right of due process in accord with United States Constitution Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments and 2 Washington State Constitution, Article 1, § 22, if all elements of RCW 9A.36.011, (First Degree Assault), did not exist for the charge. 3 4 6. Did [the] trial court abuse its discretion and deny Defendant[']s United State's Constitution, Sixth Amendment, right to a fair trial by failing to 5 excuse a juror for-cause. 7. Was the Defendant denied, United States Constitution Sixth 6 Amendment, right to a fair trial and effective assistance of Counsel. 7 8. Was a Conflict of interest, ineffective assistance of Appellant [sic] Counsel, and denial of Defendant's United States Constitution Sixth and 8 Fourteenth Amendments and Washington State Constitution, Article 1, § 9 22, right of due process. (ECF No. 15, at 4-6). 10 **EVIDENTIARY HEARING NOT REQUIRED** 11 Evidentiary hearings are not usually necessary in a habeas case. According to 28 U.S.C. 12 §2254(e)(2) (1996), a hearing will only occur if a habeas applicant has failed to develop the 13 factual basis for a claim in state court, and the applicant shows that: (A) the claim relies on (1) a 14 new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme 15 Court that was previously unavailable; or if there is (2) a factual predicate that could not have 16 been previously discovered through the exercise of due diligence; and (B) the facts underlying 17 the claim would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that but for 18 constitutional error, no reasonable fact finder would have found the applicant guilty of the 19 underlying offense. 28 U.S.C. §2254(e)(2) (1996). 20 Petitioner's claims rely on established rules of constitutional law. Further, there are no 21 factual issues that could not have been previously discovered by due diligence. Finally, the facts 22 underlying petitioner's claims are insufficient to establish that no rational fact finder would have 23 24

found him guilty of the crime. Therefore, this Court concludes that an evidentiary hearing is not necessary to decide this case.

## STANDARD OF REVIEW

Federal courts may intervene in the state judicial process only to correct wrongs of a constitutional dimension. *Engle v. Isaac*, 456 U.S. 107 (1983). Section 2254 explicitly states that a federal court may entertain an application for writ of habeas corpus "only on the ground that [petitioner] is in custody in violation of the constitution or law or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a) (1995). The Supreme Court has stated many times that federal habeas corpus relief does not lie for mere alleged errors of state law. *Estelle v. McGuire*, 502 U.S. 62 (1991); *Lewis v. Jeffers*, 497 U.S. 764 (1990); *Pulley v. Harris*, 465 U.S. 37, 41 (1984);

A habeas corpus petition shall not be granted with respect to any claim adjudicated on the merits in the state courts unless the adjudication either: (1) resulted in a decision that was contrary to, or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court; or (2) resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented to the state courts. 28 U.S.C. §2254(d). Further, a determination of a factual issue by a state court shall be presumed correct, and the applicant has the burden of rebutting the presumption of correctness by clear and convincing evidence. 28 U.S.C. §2254(e)(1).

## **DISCUSSION**

1. Search and Seizure - Ground for relief 4.

In his fourth ground for relief, petitioner argues that the victim's mother did not have authority to consent to a search of the house where he and the victim lived and that the evidence

the police obtained from the search was inadmissible (ECF No. 15-1, p. 9). Respondent contends 2 that this issue is procedurally barred (ECF No. 25, pp. 12-13). 3 Α. Exhaustion. 4 The Court must first determine if petitioner properly exhausted this claim. A state 5 prisoner seeking habeas corpus relief in federal court must exhaust available state relief prior to 6 filing his petition in federal court. As a threshold issue, the Court must determine whether or not 7 petitioner has properly presented the federal habeas claims to the state courts. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(1) states, in pertinent part: 8 9 (b)(1) An application for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a state court shall not be granted unless it appears that: 10 (A) the applicant has exhausted the remedies available in the courts of the state; 11 (B) (i) there is an absence of available state corrective process; or (ii) circumstances exist that render such process ineffective to 12 protect the rights of the applicant. 13 To exhaust state remedies, petitioner's claims must have been fairly presented to the 14 state's highest court. Picard v. Connor, 404 U.S. 270, 275 (1971); Middleton v. Cupp, 768 F.2d 15 1083, 1086 (9th Cir. 1985) (petitioner "fairly presented" the claim to the state Supreme Court 16 even though the state court did not reach the argument on the merits). 17 It is not enough that all the facts necessary to support the federal claim were before the 18 state courts or that a somewhat similar state law claim was made. Duncan, 513 U.S. at 365-66 19 (citing Picard, 404 U.S. at 275 and Anderson v. Harless, 459 U.S. 4 (1982)). Petitioner must 20 present the claims to the state's highest court based upon the same federal legal theory and 21 factual basis as the claims are subsequently asserted in the habeas petition. Hudson v. Rushen, 22 686 F.2d 826, 830 (9th Cir. 1982), cert denied 461 U.S. 916 (1983); Schiers v. California, 333 23 F.2d 173, 176 (9th Cir. 1964) (petitioner failed to exhaust the claim that the state trial court

improperly admitted evidence because petitioner never presented such a claim to the state court). Specifically, petitioner must apprise the state court that an alleged error is not only a violation of state law, but a violation of the Constitution. *Duncan v. Henry*, 513 U.S. 364, 365-66 (1995).

When petitioner raised his search and seizure claim before the Washington State Supreme Court, he raised the claim as a violation of state law and not as a violation of a federally protected constitutional right (ECF No. 26, Exhibits 23 pp. 2-3). Further, the Washington State Supreme Court Commissioner relied on state law and did not discuss any federally protected right in deciding the issue (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 28, pp. 2-3). Petitioner did not properly exhaust this issue because he did not raise it as a federal claim.

### B. Procedural bar.

Petitioner cannot return to state court on this issue as any subsequent personal restraint petition would be second or successive. *See* RCW 10.73.140. Respondent also argues that any new personal restraint petition would be time barred pursuant to RCW 10.73.090 (ECF No. 25, p.14). Because petitioner cannot return to state court to exhaust this ground for relief, petitioner has procedurally defaulted on this claim.

In all cases in which a state prisoner has defaulted his federal claims in state court pursuant to an independent and adequate state procedural rule, federal habeas review of the claims is barred unless the prisoner can demonstrate cause for the default and actual prejudice as a result of the alleged violation of federal law, or demonstrate that failure to consider the claims will result in a fundamental miscarriage of justice.

Coleman v. Thompson, 501 U.S. 722, 750 (1991).

To show cause in federal court, petitioner must show that some objective factor, external to the defense, prevented petitioner from complying with state procedural rules relating to the presentation of petitioner's claims. *McCleskey v. Zant*, 499 U.S. 467, 493-94 (1991) (*citing Murray v. Carrier*, 477 U.S. 478, 488 (1986). Petitioner does not show that anything external to

the defense prevented him from raising his claim on federal grounds. Petitioner failed to argue the claim on federal grounds when he raised it. Thus, petitioner does not show cause that excuses his procedural default. Further, petitioner cannot show that a refusal to consider this ground for relief will result in a fundamental miscarriage of justice. The United States Supreme Court held that in order to demonstrate that petitioner suffered a fundamental miscarriage of justice, petitioner must establish that viewing all the evidence, in light of new reliable evidence, "it is more likely than not that no reasonable juror would have found petitioner guilty beyond a reasonable doubt." House v. Bell, 547 U.S. 518, 537 (2006) (citing Schlup v. Delo, 513 U.S. 298, 327 (1995)). Petitioner presents no new evidence that would show that he is innocent. Accordingly, he does not show that a fundamental miscarriage of justice will occur if the Court denies petitioner's procedurally defaulted ground for relief. The Court recommends declining to consider ground for relief number four because it is procedurally defaulted. In the alternative the Court would recommend denial of this ground for relief because it is not cognizable in a habeas corpus proceeding. A person who has had a full and fair opportunity to litigate a search and seizure issue in state court cannot raise the issue in their federal habeas

corpus petition. *Stone v. Powell*, 428 U.S. 465, 482 (1976).

The Fourth Amendment assures the "right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures." Courts will exclude evidence in order to effectuate these rights. Stone v. Powell, 428 U.S. 465, 482 (1976). However, the exclusionary rule itself is not a personal constitutional right. *Id.* at 486. The rule is a judicially created remedial device designed to deter future misconduct by removing the incentive to disregard the Fourth Amendment. Id. at 484. Evidence obtained in violation of the

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1	Fourth Amendment is excluded in the hope that the frequency of future violations will decrease.			
2	Id. at 492. As with any remedial device, application of the exclusionary rule is restricted to those			
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4	v. Calandra, 414 U.S. 338, 348 (1974). The Supreme Court recognized that implementation of			
5	the exclusionary rule at trial and on direct appeal discourages law enforcement officials from			
6	violating the Fourth Amendment. <i>Powell</i> , 428 U.S. at 492-93. "But the additional contribution, it			
7	any, of the consideration of search-and-seizure claims of state prisoners on collateral review is			
8	small in relation to the costs." <i>Id.</i> at 493. For this reason, the <i>Powell</i> Court removed Fourth			
9	Amendment claims from the scope of federal habeas corpus review. The Supreme Court held:			
10	"[W]here the state has provided an opportunity for full and fair litigation of a			
11	Fourth Amendment claim, the Constitution does not require that a state prisoner be granted federal habeas corpus relief on the ground that evidence obtained in an unconstitutional search or seizure was introduced at his trial."			
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13	Powell, 428 U.S. at 482. It is not necessary that a petitioner actually litigate the Fourth			
14	petitioner had the opportunity to litigate the claims. <i>Id</i> .			
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16	Petitioner had the ability to raise this issue both at trial and on direct appeal. Therefore, in			
17	the alternative, the Court recommends declining to consider petitioner's fourth ground for re			
18	because it is not a cognizable claim.			
19	2. Use of a limiting instruction that referred to Brenda Frisk as "the victim." – Ground for relief 1.			
20	Petitioner alleges that the trial court violated a pretrial ruling because a limiting			
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	instruction on the admission of prior acts referred to Brenda Fisk as "the victim." (ECF No. 15,			
22	p.18). The Court cannot grant relief on this claim because petitioner fails to show that the			
23	instruction violated any clearly established federal law as required by 28 U.S.C. §2254(d).			
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Further, the Washington State Court of Appeals considered this issue as a state law issue and held:

Hadley argues that in the first sentence of this instruction, the trial court tells the jury that it will hear evidence of alleged prior assaults by the defendant against the victim in this case. But the challenged instruction does not convey the trial court's opinion on any of the evidence. The instruction clearly instructs the jury that they must first find that the previous assaults occurred, as well as the current alleged assault, before they consider what impact the prior assaults had on the "victim." Br. of Resp't at 40. We agree with the State that the trial court's instruction merely led to a logical conclusion-that if the jury finds there was a crime, then the person that is the object of that crime is the victim. Hadley agreed to this instruction at the omnibus hearing, except to the word "victim." But, in any event, the instruction was not improper.

And any impact of the use of "victim" in the instruction was diminished when the trial court orally instructed the jury before deliberation and substituted the term "victim" with Frisk's name. [footnote omitted]. Further, the trial court instructed the jury that they were the sole judges of credibility and that the trial court would not comment on the evidence. If the jury felt that the trial court had commented on the evidence, the trial court instructed the jury to disregard the comment. This court presumes that the jury follows the trial court's instructions. *State v. Sivins*, 138 Wn. App. 52, 61, 155 P.3d 982 (2007).

We noted above that overwhelming untainted evidence independent of the trial court's instruction supported Hadley's conviction. There was no error.

(ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, pp.18-19).

Petitioner is not entitled to relief because the claim is not based on clearly established federal law. Ordinarily, issues regarding jury instructions present questions of state law only and are, therefore, not susceptible to federal habeas corpus review. *Estelle v. McGuire*, 502 U.S. 62, 71-72 (1991). A faulty jury instruction requires habeas relief only if the instruction by itself so infected the entire trial that the resulting conviction violates due process. *Estelle v. McGuire*, 502 U.S. at 72; *Boyde v. California*, 494 U.S. 370, 378 (1990); (*citing Cupp v. Naughton*, 414 U.S. 141, 147 (1973)). Petitioner fails to show that the state court's ruling on this issue resulted in a decision that was contrary to, or involved an unreasonable application of, clearly established

federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court; or resulted in a decision that was based on an 2 unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented to the state courts. The Court recommends denial of petitioner's first ground for relief. 3 4 3. Admission of evidence regarding prior incidents - Ground for relief 2. Petitioner alleges that the trial court's admission of evidence regarding prior incidents violated 5 his right to due process under the Fourteenth Amendment (ECF No. 15, pp. 4-5). Petitioner also 6 7 argues that this evidence was not admissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence (ECF No. 15, pp. 26-29). 8 9 Petitioner's criminal trial was held in a Washington State Superior Court and that court applies Washington State's Rules of Evidence, not the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Supreme 10 11 Court has repeatedly stated that "federal habeas corpus relief does not lie for errors of state law." Lewis v. Jeffers, 497 U.S. 764, 780 (1990); see also Pulley v. Harris, 465 U.S. 37, 41 (1984). 12 Thus, the admission of evidence does not provide a basis for habeas corpus relief unless the 13 14 admission of that evidence rendered the trial fundamentally unfair. Holley v. Yarborough, 568 15 F.3d 1091, 1101 (9th Cir, 2009). Further, as the court in *Holley* noted: Under AEDPA, even clearly erroneous admissions of evidence that render a trial 16 fundamentally unfair may not permit the grant of federal habeas corpus relief if not forbidden by "clearly established Federal law," as laid out by the Supreme 17 Court. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d). In cases where the Supreme Court has not adequately 18 addressed a claim, this court cannot use its own precedent to find a state court ruling unreasonable. Musladin, 549 U.S. at 77, 127 S.Ct. 649. 19 The Supreme Court has made very few rulings regarding the admission of evidence as a violation of due process. Although the Court has been clear that a 20 writ should be issued when constitutional errors have rendered the trial 21 fundamentally unfair, see Williams, 529 U.S. at 375, 120 S.Ct. 1495, it has not yet made a clear ruling that admission of irrelevant or overtly prejudicial evidence 22 constitutes a due process violation sufficient to warrant issuance of the writ. Absent such "clearly established Federal law," we cannot conclude that the state court's ruling was an "unreasonable application." Musladin, 549 U.S. at 77, 127 23

S.Ct. 649. Under the strict standards of AEDPA, we are therefore without power to issue the writ on the basis of Holley's additional claims.

*Id.* The Washington State Court of Appeals considered petitioner's claim and noted that courts routinely hold evidence of previous bad acts is admissible in cases like petitioner's (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, p. 14). After review of the Washington State Court of Appeals ruling on this issue, the Court cannot say that the ruling of the state court violated clearly established federal law as decided by the Supreme Court. The Court finds the reasoning in *Holley* persuasive on this issue and therefore the Court recommends denial of petitioner's second ground for relief.

4. Withholding material evidence and the introduction of alleged perjured testimony – Ground for relief 3.

Petitioner complains that several inconsistent statements made by the victim were admitted at trial (ECF No. 15, pp. 39-42). He also alleges that not all of detective Deisher's interviews with the victim were provided to him.

A. Introduction of inconsistent statements.

"If a prosecutor knowingly uses perjured testimony or knowingly fails to disclose that testimony is false, the conviction must be set aside if there is any reasonable likelihood that the false testimony could have affected the jury verdict." *Ortiz v. Stewart*, 149 F.3d 923, 936 (9th Cir. 1998). *Bonin v. Calderon*, 59 F.3d 815, 844 (9th Cir. 1995). The Ninth Circuit has found that even if a jailhouse informant who testified asserted post-trial that such testimony was perjured, it was not enough to warrant habeas relief because there was overwhelming evidence of guilt against the habeas petitioner. *See Bonin*, 59 F.3d at 843-44; *see also Ortiz*, 149 F.3d at 936-37.

The record discloses that the witness suffered traumatic brain injury as a result of the assault (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, p.4). Further, the witness testified that she remembers getting out

of the car at her house and walking inside where she heard Hadley's voice, but she did not 2 remember what happened next (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, p. 2). The Washington State Court of 3 Appeals considered petitioner's argument and stated: 4 Finally, Hadley contends that the State failed to provide transcripts of two of the three interviews that Detective Deisher conducted with Frisk. He contends that 5 these interviews cast serious doubt on Frisk's credibility. However, Hadley is actually arguing that the jury should not have believed Frisk's story because of her inconsistent testimony. Specifically, he argues that Frisk testified that she fell 6 in the front yard, she told Dr. Leslie she fell several times, she told Detective 7 Deisher that Hadley struck her with a bat in the front yard, she later remembered walking to Anderson's house. But his argument fails because this court does not review credibility determinations or inconsistent testimony on appeal. Walton, 64 8 Wn. App. At 415-16. 9 (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, p. 22). Ms. Frisk's inconsistent testimony was submitted to the jury and 10 defense counsel cross examined witnesses about Frisk's inconsistent testimony (ECF No. 26, 11 Exhibit 2, pp. 21-22). Petitioner has come forward with no evidence to show that the prosecutor 12 knowingly admitted perjured testimony or false evidence. Petitioner fails to show that the state 13 court rulings on this ground for relief violated any clearly established federal law, as set forth by 14 the Supreme Court. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d). The Court recommends denial of petitioner's third 15 ground for relief. 16 5. Failure to prove all elements of first degree assault – Ground for relief 5. 17 On direct appeal petitioner argued the evidence was insufficient to show that a crime had 18 been committed and the Washington State Court of Appeals addressed and rejected that 19 argument (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, pp. 9-12). In his subsequent personal restraint petition, 20 petitioner argued that not every element of first degree assault was proven because the state 21 failed to prove the requisite level of harm. The Washington State Supreme Court Commissioner 22 addressed the petitioner's argument and stated:

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...This is a variation of Mr. Hadley's insufficient evidence argument rejected on 1 direct appeal. He fails to show that the interests of justice require reconsideration of this issue. In re Pers. Restraint of Brown, 143 Wn.2d 431, 445, 21 P.3d 687 2 (2001). In any event, the evidence showed that the victim was beaten so badly as to substantially damage her motor and brain functions. RCW 9A.36.011(1)(c) 3 (first degree assault by infliction of great bodily harm). 4 (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 28). RCW 9A.36.011(1)(a) provides: 5 a person is guilty of assault in the first degree if he or she, with intent to inflict great bodily harm: 6 Assaults another with a firearm or any deadly weapon or by any force (a) 7 likely to produce great bodily harm or death. Frisk's injuries included: 8 9 ...multiple facial and head injuries, including swelling to her left eye and a threeand-one-half centimeter laceration on the back of her head. Scans revealed that Frick had a right subdural hematoma, and a smaller left frontal subdural 10 hematoma, and swelling around the laceration on the back of her head. Frisk had 11 also suffered a concussion. In addition, she had medial orbital fracture, which the doctor described as a fracture to the small bones in her left eye socket. 12 Because St. John's did not have a neurosurgeon on staff, the doctor transferred her to the Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in Portland. The OHSU 13 doctors diagnosed Frisk with traumatic brain injury, meaning that the injury was the result of a fair amount of force. 14 15 (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, pp 3-4). The victim's injuries were extensive and the force petitioner used to inflict them was substantial. The jury found that the state had proven all elements of first 16 degree beyond a reasonable doubt (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 1). Given the extent and nature of the 17 victim's injuries, the decisions of the state courts are well supported and they do not result in a 18 decision that is contrary to, or involves an unreasonable application of, clearly established 19 federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court; or result in a decision that is based on an 20 unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented to the state courts. The 21 22 Court recommends denial of the petitioner's fifth ground for relief. 23 24

6. Failure to exclude a juror – Ground for relief 6.

Petitioner alleges that his Sixth Amendment right to an impartial jury was violated when the trial judge left a juror on the panel who worked in the jail where he was being housed. Petitioner originally raised this claim as an ineffective assistance of counsel claim by stating that his counsel should have filed a peremptory challenge after a challenge for cause failed (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 18, p. 8). Petitioner raised this issue in its current form in his final motion for discretionary review (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 23 p. 3). The prosecution responded and noted that the voir dire portion of the trial was not transcribed and petitioner presented no evidence of juror bias (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 24 pp. 15-18). Hadley admits in his pleadings that the juror stated that she did not know or recognize Hadley, and that she could be impartial and unbiased (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 21, p.2).

The Washington State Supreme Court Commissioner only addressed the claim as it related to ineffective assistance of counsel (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 28, p. 3). The court noted that petitioner failed to show any prejudice (*id.*).

Respondent addresses this claim on the merits and argues that a trial judge's finding that a juror is not biased is a finding of fact that is presumed correct unless rebutted by clear and convincing evidence (ECF No. 25, p. 31). Respondent argues that the jury selection process was not transcribed and that petitioner "does not present any competent proof, beyond his own allegations" (*id.*).

This Court agrees with respondent. The trial court's determination that a jury is unbiased is a finding of fact made by the trial judge. *Wainwright v. Witt*, 469 U.S. 412, 426-32 (1985). A determination of a factual issue by a state court shall be presumed correct, and the applicant has the burden of rebutting the presumption of correctness by clear and convincing evidence. 28

U.S.C. §2254(e)(1). Petitioner has not come with any evidence showing that this juror was bias. 2 His entire argument is based on his assumptions and conjecture (ECF No. 15-1, pp. 17-22). The Court recommends denying petitioner's sixth ground for relief because petitioner has not shown 3 the state court's finding of fact is based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of 5 the evidence presented to the state courts. Ineffective assistance of trial counsel – Ground for relief 7. 6 7. 7 In order to establish that trial counsel was ineffective, petitioner must show that counsel's 8 representation fell below an objective standard of reasonableness and that counsel's deficient 9 performance affected the result of the proceeding. Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 686 10 (1984). The state courts applied this test (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, pp. 19-23, Exhibit 28, p. 3). 11 This Court must consider if the state court ruling was unreasonable. Schriro v. Landrigan, 12 550 U.S. 465, 473 (2007). The Supreme Court stated "[t]he question under AEDEPA is not whether a federal court believes the state court's determination was incorrect but whether that 13 14 determination was unreasonable – a substantially higher threshold." *Id*. 15 Petitioner alleges that trial counsel failed to investigate, was not properly prepared, and failed to object to false and perjured testimony (ECF No. 15-1, p 22). Petitioner's federal ground 16 17 for relief is more expansively worded than the issues that were considered by the state courts. 18 A. Direct Appeal. 19 The Washington State Supreme Court denied review of petitioner's first motion for 20 discretionary review without comment (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 10). Thus, the last reasoned opinion 21 on direct appeal is the Washington State Court of Appeals' decision upholding the conviction 22 and sentence (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2). 23

1 The ineffective assistance of counsel issues the Washington State Court of Appeals addressed on direct appeal involved: (1) not objecting when Parkhurst testified that after Frisk was released from the hospital she was taken to a women's shelter because Parkhurst believed it was the safest place for Frisk; (2) counsel's speaking with a witness, Mr. Anderson, to determine if Frisk had in fact been to his home the night of the assault; and (3) for counsel's failure to test items with blood on them to determine if the blood was Frisk's (ECF No.26, Exhibit 2, pp.19-23). Regarding issue (1), the Washington State Court of Appeals held that while the statement about the women's shelter being the safest place for Frisk was objectionable, petitioner failed to show that the outcome of the proceeding would have been different (id.). Regarding issue (2), the court held that counsel's action of interviewing a potential witness was proper (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, p. 23). Finally, regarding issue (3), the court noted that there was no question whose blood was on the items that were entered into evidence and counsel's performance was not deficient (id.). In petitioner's motion for discretionary review from the denial of his direct appeal, petitioner raised issues (1) and (3) (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 8, pp. 15-18). Thus, petitioner exhausted these two issues. Petitioner did not raise issue (2) (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 8, pp. 15-18). Thus, the issue regarding counsel being ineffective for speaking with Mr. Anderson was not exhausted. Because petitioner did not exhaust his second issue, the Court finds that this issue is now procedurally barred. The Court will not discuss this issue further. Collateral Challenges. В. In addressing petitioner's collateral challenge to his conviction, the Washington State

Supreme Court considered if trial counsel was ineffective on separate grounds; namely, (1) for

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counsel's failure to suppress the results of the search of petitioner's home and (2) for counsel's failure to use a peremptory challenge to remove a prospective juror (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 28, p. 3). Regarding issue (1), The Supreme Court found that counsel's decision not to object to the search may have been tactical because some of the evidence supported petitioner's theory of the case, that the victim was attacked before coming home (*id.*). Regarding issue (2), the Supreme Court held that petitioner failed to show a reasonable probability that the outcome of the case would have been different had counsel excluded the juror (*id.*).

#### C. Discussion.

This Court does not find the state courts' decisions to be unreasonable. Regarding the direct appeal issue (1), Mrs. Parkhurst, Frisk's mother, was a co-signer on the lease and she was properly in the house as an agent of the victim at the time she invited the officer's to come into the house to investigate the blood she had found in several of the rooms (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, p. 5). Parkhurst was cleaning because the landlord was evicting petitioner and Ms. Frisk (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 2, p. 5 fn 2). Further, as the Washington State Supreme Court noted, some of the evidence, like blood in multiple rooms of the house, may have supported petitioner's theory that the assault occurred elsewhere. Thus, the decision not to object to the admissibility of the search may have been trial strategy, which cannot form the basis for a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel. *Strickland v. Washington*, 466 U.S. at 689.

Regarding the direct appeal issue (3), the court's ruling counsel's failure to test items with blood on them, was also reasonable. There was no question whose blood was on the items that were introduced at trial. Further, as the Washington State Supreme Court noted, the decision not to object to the introduction of this evidence may have been tactical because defendant's

theory of the case was that the victim had been assaulted outside the house, blood in multiple rooms of the home supported that theory (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 28 p.3).

Regarding collateral issue (1), for the reasons stated above, the court's ruling regarding counsel's failure to suppress the search of the home was reasonable.

Regarding collateral issue (2), the trial court's finding that the juror was impartial precludes this claim because petitioner fails to show that the results of the trial would have been different had the juror been excluded (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 28, p. 3).

Given the evidence that was before the state court, this Court cannot conclude that the state court rulings were unreasonable. The Court recommends denial of ground for relief seven.

8. Ineffective assistance of appellate counsel – Ground for relief 8.

Petitioner alleges that appellate counsel was representing a witness from his trial in an unrelated proceeding while at the same time his appellate counsel represented petitioner.

Petitioner raised this issue in his final motion for discretionary review (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 23, p. 3). The Washington State Supreme Court held that petitioner failed to show any prejudice as a result of counsel's actions.

In order to establish ineffective assistance of state appellate counsel, petitioner must show that (1) appellate counsel's performance was deficient and (2) that there is a reasonable probability that, but for appellate counsel's deficient performance, the outcome of petitioner's appeal would have been different. *Smith v. Robbins*, 528 U.S. 259, 285 (2000). The Washington State Supreme Court ruling applies the second part of this test. Thus, the state court applied the proper law on review. The ruling of the Washington State Supreme Court is reasonable because petitioner fails to show counsel's performance was deficient or that he could have prevailed on any issue on appeal.

9. Other issues.

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In his reply brief, petitioner argues that his Sixth Amendment rights were violated because he did not receive proper notice that the state was seeking an exceptional sentence (ECF No. 28, p. 1). In his amended petition, petitioner attached pages from prior briefings that are not properly numbered (ECF No. 14 attached pages). Petitioner did attach a ground for relief that he numbered (9)f VI (ECF No. 14 attached pages) where he states that "the trial courts imposition of an exceptional sentence based upon aggravating factors not alleged in the information violated the defendant's right to notice under...United States Constitution, Sixth Amendment." Petitioner did not brief this issue in his memorandum in support of his petition (ECF No. 15).

Petitioner raised this issue on direct appeal and the Washington State Court of Appeals addressed it as a matter of state law (ECF No. 26, Exhibits 2 and 3). Petitioner did not raise the issue when he sought discretionary review from his direct appeal (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 8). Thus, the issue was not exhausted through a direct appeal because petitioner must exhaust the claim at every level of appeal in the state courts. *Ortberg v. Moody*, 961 F.2d 135, 138 (9th Cir. 1992). Petitioner did not raise the issue in his personal restraint petition (ECF No. 26, Exhibit 18). Thus, the issue was never properly exhausted. Further, petitioner is precluded from returning to state court. This Court's prior briefing regarding procedural bar, cause and effect, and actual innocence applies. *See* supra pp. 11-14.

In the alternative, the claim fails on the merits. The Washington State Court of Appeals addressed this issue:

Although not yet published when the parties filed their briefs, we recently addressed this exact issue in *State v. Berrier*, 143 Wn. App. 547, 178 P.3d 1064 (2008). The *Berrier* court addressed an article 1, section 22 and Sixth Amendment argument that the State must include the aggravating factors it seeks to pursue in the information rather than by separate notice. *Berrier*, 143 Wn. App. At 558-59. We analyzed both RCW 9.94A.537 and *State v. Pillatos*, 159 Wn.2d 459, 483,

150 P.3d 1130 (2007), ultimately deciding that as long as the defendant's substantial rights are not prejudiced, the State may allege aggravating factors in its notice to seek an exceptional sentence separate and apart from the information. *Berrier*, 143 Wn. App. At 558-59.

(ECF No. 2, p. 21). The Washington State Supreme Court has also held that aggravating factors need not be charged in the information. *State v. Siers*, 174 Wn. 2d 269, 271, 274 P.3d 358, 359 (2012). Petitioner cites to no United States Supreme Court case supporting his position and he thus fails to show that the ruling of the state court violates clearly established law as determined by the United States Supreme Court. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1). The Court recommends that this petition be denied.

# CERTIFICATE OF APPEAL

Petitioner seeking post-conviction relief under 28 U.S.C.§ 2254 may appeal a district court's dismissal of the federal habeas petition only after obtaining a certificate of appealability from a district or circuit judge. A certificate of appealability may issue only if petitioner has made "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). Petitioner satisfies this standard "by demonstrating that jurists of reason could disagree with the district court's resolution of his constitutional claims or that jurists could conclude the issues presented are adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further." *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 327 (2003) (*citing Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000)). Pursuant to this standard, this Court concludes that petitioner is not entitled to a certificate of appealability with respect to this petition.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the parties shall have fourteen (14) days from service of this Report to file written objections. *See also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6. Failure to file objections will result in a waiver of those objections for purposes of de novo review by the district judge. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). Accommodating the time limit

imposed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b), the clerk is directed to set the matter for consideration on August 23, 2013, as noted in the caption. Dated this 1st day of August, 2013. J. Richard Creatura United States Magistrate Judge